

# SELBYVILLE PUBLIC LIBRARY



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The concept of a public library in Selbyville was conceived in 1931 and delivery of the first 22 books from the State Traveling Library occurred in April 1932. It wasn't until 1939, however, that the Selbyville Public Library became a reality, when the Selbyville Community Club raised \$225 and purchased 1,000 books.

The library moved to its present location at John G. Townsend, Jr. Memorial Building in 1966. An addition in 1990 increased available space for a growing collection of books, magazines, tapes and periodicals.

Since its inception, the Selbyville Public Library has been a constant and important part of the community. Located in a historic home in a central part of town, the library provides a place for gatherings of various organizations, recreational reading for older citizens, and cultural events. The library also provides important resources for the three area schools.

## Key Individuals

*Mrs. Inga Tubbs* served as the president of Selbyville Community Club in 1931 and was a major founder of the library.

*Mr. William Tubbs*, grandson of *Senator John G. Townsend, Jr.*, was an important financial backer for the library.

Heirs of *John G. Townsend, Jr.* donated the deceased Senator and former Governor's home to be used as the Selbyville Public Library.